

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels original claims 1 to 9 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE2004/001269 and adds new claims 10 to 24. The new claims conform the claims to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.125, the Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without the claims) contains no new matter. The amendments reflected in the Substitute Specification (including the Title and Abstract) are to conform the Specification and Abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules or to correct informalities. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and § 1.125, a Marked Up Version Of The Substitute Specification comparing the Specification of record and the Substitute Specification also accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. In the Marked Up Version, underlining indicates added text and "strike-throughs" and double-brackets indicate deleted text. Approval and entry of the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) are respectfully requested.

Also enclosed is a translated copy of the International Search Report dated November 3, 2004. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were considered by the Examiner in the underlying PCT application.

The underlying PCT application also includes an International Preliminary Examination Report. An English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report accompanies this Preliminary Amendment.

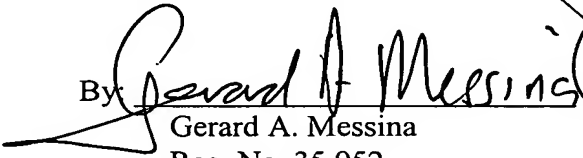
It is asserted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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